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 DETECTABLE GROUP OF NOVEL
 VIRAL REGULATORY GENES
 AND USES THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
 PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and the continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants call to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B. It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08B be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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